



GIS USERS GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2008

Minutes

Attendance:

Chris Branham, Code Services
Trey Cleaton, Land Management & Development (LM&D), GIS Division
Kathryn Clifton, LM&D, GIS Division
Janet Gapen, Land Management & Development, Planning Division
Vickie Eddleman, LM&D, Engineering Division
Captain George Huffman, Franklin Volunteer Fire Department
Patrick Kennerly, Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU), Administration Division
Rodney Misenheimer, Fire Captain
Craig Powers, LM&D, Engineering Division
Wendy Spry, SRU, Planning & Research Division

Welcome and Announcements

GIS Coordinator Kathryn Clifton called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. She thanked everyone for their contributions to the potluck lunch.

Salisbury Enterprise License Agreement (pending)

Kathryn Clifton announced that Salisbury's City Council will decide on the \$35,000 annual fee for unlimited ArcGIS Desktop software (and most extensions) and unlimited ArcPad (\$800 for unlimited licensure) at the December 16, 2008, meeting. The Enterprise Advanced Server will support GIS mobile applications. \$7,500 will be available for online employee training through the virtual campus on ESRI's Web site.

Transition to ArcGIS 9.3

In February 2009, GIS anticipates a phased implementation to keep in sync with other software upgrades. First, GIS will migrate non-editors, then editors, then the database to either SQL Server 2005 or 2008.

Training for early 2009 will still be in ArcGIS 9.2; Kathryn Clifton, instructor, is taking a course for ArcGIS 9.3.

Project and Data updates

Kathryn Clifton is taking "Webinars" for the Fiber to the Home/Enghouse project and Doc-Link/Cogsdale. Doc-Link is document imaging and management software. Desktop GIS does not work with Doc-Link; Onpoint does work. ArcGIS server is not available for use with Dock-Link.

Trey Cleaton attended the meeting with fiber network contractor Atlantic Engineering Group (AEG) and may use CommunityViz as a resource to map areas where growth will occur. AEG wants to ensure enough network capacity to future growth areas.



Two positions would become available in GIS to work with engineers on the Fiber to the Home project.

Training Opportunities

Free “Webinars” are offered by Duncan-Parnell.

- Finding and Using GIS Data with Pathfinder Office and TerraSync are available December 17 at 2 p.m. and December 18 at 2 p.m.
- Finding and Using GIS Data with ArcGIS and ArcPad is available December 17 at 2 p.m. and December 18 at 9 a.m.
- Using Civil 3D’s GIS Capabilities for Engineer and Land Surveyors is available December 17 at 11 a.m. and December 18 at 4 p.m.

GIS for Dummies is available in house January 16, 2009. This will acclimate users to the ArcGIS desktop basics. Individuals interested in more in-house training can attend *Introduction to ArcGIS I* January 22 and 23, 2009.

Other Business

- Captain George Huffman introduced the work he has been doing with Mapbooks.
- Rodney Harrison and Kathryn Clifton wrote a script to update an application that could immediately update applications for a project.
- Jennifer Goble is working for a month with Craig Powers on NPDES mapping.
- Janet Gapen is working with a new employee to learning GIS basics.
- George believes he can learn more with GIS. He would like a water hydrants application. Kathryn Clifton would like to train Salisbury’s Fire Department to use GIS custom applications.
- Kathryn Clifton attended the public services strategic plan meeting.
- Chris Branham is working on data layers with Trey Cleaton. Chris, Zoning Code Enforcement Services Manager, would like to add more layers so he can use mapping and addressing to locate nuisances and map code services information.
- Wendy Spry is mapping hydrants, easements (migrating to SDE) and editing utilities information.
- Craig Powers is looking forward to NPDES mapping. Salisbury will need to find a location for base stations.
- There was a discussion about collection of traffic information. Technology is available to up fit a vehicle to drive by a location and collect a video and geo-reference data for traffic signs and signal inventory, as well as sidewalks and pavement conditions. This would meet the needs of several departments.

The next GIS Users Group will be February 27, 2009, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 217 S. Main Street.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.